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- ☒ Clean Version of Pending Claims (5 pgs.).

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on November 28, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 10 and 29, amendment of previously pending claims 1, 27 and 30, and addition of new claims 31 - 35. Claims 16 - 26 were provisionally canceled pending the Examiner's disposition of applicant's traverse of restriction. Claims 16 - 26 are included in this claim set but are labeled provisionally canceled. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A ready-to-use dough article, comprising:

a substantially gas-impermeable container;

an elastic gluten based dough having a cellular network disposed within the container,
comprising:

flour, a fat and water wherein the water activity is less than about 0.85; and
an inert gas disposed within the container and within the cellular network of the
dough containing less than 4% residual oxygen wherein the dough is substantially
free of an active leavening agent.